

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of retrieving digital media comprising:

querying a server for features of the server;

receiving the features of the server, the features including information about at least one digital media database, wherein the information about the at least one digital media database includes metadata about records, and wherein the records pertain to digital media metadata or media collection data or both;

querying the server, based on the metadata, for information required to populate one or more of the records associated with the metadata after receiving the metadata, wherein the populating of the one or more records effectively provides one or more populated records corresponding to the one or more records;

receiving the information required to populate the one or more records of the records associated with the metadata after receiving the metadata associated with the records and in response to the querying of the server;

populating the one or more records after receiving the information required to populate the one or more records, thereby effectively providing one or more populated records based on the metadata associated with the one or more records; and

retrieving digital media associated with at least one of the populated records based on the populated one or more records.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the records pertain to both digital media metadata and media collections and multiple queries are required to populate the records associated with the metadata.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising using a local database management system to manage the information contained in the media collection data records and the digital media metadata records[[:]] .

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the server is a remote device across a network.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
requesting media from across a network; and
receiving the requested media across the network.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising presenting the received media at a client device, wherein presenting the received media includes playing the media for a user.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is stored as instructions on a computer-readable medium.

8-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A claim as recited in claim 1,
wherein said metadata effectively provides a first representation of said one or more records; and
wherein the populated one or more records effectively provide a second representation of the one or more records.

24. (New) A claim as recited in claim 23, wherein the method further comprises:
using the metadata to effectively provide a first representation of the one or more records; and
populating the one or more records to effectively provide a second representation of the one or more records.

25. (New) A claim as recited in claim 24,
wherein the first representation provides a first level of detail with respect to the one or more records; and
wherein the second representation provides a second level of detail with respect to the one or more records.

26. (New) A claim as recited in claim 25, wherein the second level of detail represents the one or more records in greater detail than the first level of detail.

27. (New) A claim as recited in claim 23,

wherein the first representation represents the one or more records in accordance with a first aspect of representation; and

wherein the second representation represents the one or more records in accordance with a second aspect of representation that is different than the first aspect of representation.

28. (New) A claim as recited in claim 23, wherein said method further comprises:

querying the server for information required to provide a third representation of the one or more records.

29. (New) A claim as recited in claim 23, wherein said method further comprises:

querying the server for information required to further populate the at least one record in order to effectively provide a third representation of the at least one record.

30. (New) A computing system for retrieving digital media, wherein said computing system is capable of:

querying a server for features of the server;

receiving the features of the server, the features including information about at least one digital media database, wherein the information about the at least one digital media database includes metadata about records, wherein the metadata effectively represents the records as a first representation, and wherein the records pertain to digital media metadata or media collection data or both;

querying the server, based on the metadata, for information required to populate one or more of the records associated with the metadata after receiving the metadata, wherein the populating of the one or more records effectively provides one or more populated records corresponding to the one or more records;

receiving the information required to populate the one or more records of the records associated with the metadata after receiving the metadata associated with the records and in response to the querying of the server;

populating the one or more records after receiving the information required to populate the one or more records, thereby effectively providing one or more populated records based on the metadata associated with the one or more records; and

retrieving digital media associated with at least one of the populated records based on the populated one or more records.

31. (New) A server for providing digital media to one or more devices, wherein said server is capable of:

- receiving a query from a device for features of the server;

- sending the features of the server to the device in response to the query, the features including information about at least one digital media database, wherein the information about the at least one digital media database includes metadata about records, wherein the metadata can be used by the device to locally present the records as a first local presentation, and wherein the records pertain to digital media metadata or media collection data or both;

- receiving a querying from the device for information required by the device to populate one or more of the records associated with the metadata after sending the metadata to the device;

- sending the device information required to populate the one or more records associated with the metadata, thereby allowing the device to populate the one or more records after receiving the information required to populate the one or more records in order to present the one or more records as one or more populated records;

- receiving a second query from the device regarding at least one of the one or more populated records; and

- sending digital media associated with the at least one populated record after receiving the second query from said device.

32. (New) A computer readable medium including computer program code for retrieving digital media, comprising:

- computer program code for querying a server for features of the server;

- computer program code for receiving the features of the server, the features including information about at least one digital media database, wherein the information about the at least one digital media database includes metadata about records, wherein the metadata effectively represents the records as a first representation, and wherein the records pertain to digital media metadata or media collection data or both;

- computer program code for querying the server, based on the metadata, for information required to populate one or more of the records associated with the

metadata after receiving the metadata, wherein the populating of the one or more records effectively provides one or more populated records corresponding to the one or more records;

computer program code for receiving the information required to populate the one or more records of the records associated with the metadata after receiving the metadata associated with the records and in response to the querying of the server;

computer program code for populating the one or more records after receiving the information required to populate the one or more records, thereby effectively providing one or more populated records based on the metadata associated with the one or more records; and

computer program code for retrieving digital media associated with at least one of the populated records based on the populated one or more records.

33. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32, wherein the records pertain to both digital media metadata and media collections and multiple queries are required to populate the records associated with the metadata.

34. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32,

wherein said metadata effectively provides a first representation of said one or more records; and

wherein the populated one or more records effectively provide a second representation of the one or more records.

35. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32, wherein the computer readable medium further comprises:

computer program code for using the metadata to effectively provide a first representation of the one or more records; and

computer program code for populating the one or more records to effectively provide a second representation of the one or more records.

36. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32,

wherein the first representation provides a first level of detail with respect to the one or more records; and

wherein the second representation provides a second level of detail with respect to the one or more records.

37. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32,

wherein the second level of detail represents the one or more records in greater detail than the first level of detail.

38. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32,

wherein the first representation represents the one or more records in accordance with a first aspect of representation; and

wherein the second representation represents the one or more records in accordance with a second aspect of representation that is different than the first aspect of representation.

39. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32, wherein the computer readable medium further comprises:

computer program code for querying the server for information required to provide a third representation of one or more records.

40. (New) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 32, wherein the computer readable medium further comprises:

computer program code for querying the server for information required to further populate the at least one record in order to effectively provide a third representation of the at least one record.

41. (New) A computer readable medium for providing digital media to one or more devices, wherein said computer readable medium comprises:

computer program code for receiving a query from a device for features of the server;

computer program code for sending the features of the server to the device in response to the query, the features including information about at least one digital media database, wherein the information about the at least one digital media database includes metadata about records, wherein the metadata can be used by the device to

locally present the records as a first local presentation, and wherein the records pertain to digital media metadata or media collection data or both;

computer program code for receiving a querying from the device for information required by the device to populate one or more of the records associated with the metadata after sending the metadata to the device;

computer program code for sending the device information required to populate the one or more records associated with the metadata, thereby allowing the device to populate the one or more records after receiving the information required to populate the one or more records in order to present the one or more records as one or more populated records;

computer program code for receiving a second query from the device regarding at least one of the one or more populated records; and

computer program code for sending digital media associated with the at least one populated record after receiving the second query from said device.